## **Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 51**

## **RESOLUTION CHAPTER 65**

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 51—Relative to the Jimmy A. Arevalo Memorial Highway.

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 51, Jones. Jimmy A. Arevalo Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a portion of State Highway Route 8 in the County of San Diego as the Jimmy A. Arevalo Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, Jimmy A. Arevalo was born on August 11, 1952, in Calexico; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arevalo graduated from Calexico High School in 1971, served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1972, attended Imperial Valley College and later San Diego State University, receiving an associate of arts degree and a bachelor's degree in liberal studies, respectively, received his teaching credential in 1978, subsequently was awarded a master's degree in public administration from San Diego State University in 1980, and received a community college instructor credential from the California Community Colleges; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arevalo began his lifetime teaching career at Dool Elementary School in the Calexico Unified School District on January 3, 1978, where he taught for 34 years, most recently as a fifth grade teacher; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arevalo also taught at Imperial Valley College as an adjunct instructor in the English Department, and was employed by the Imperial County Office of Education as a migrant education principal for the Heber Migrant Summer School Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arevalo has been recognized for his leadership skills and outstanding service to the St. Mary's 4-H Club, Heber Migrant Program, El Centro Elementary School District Migrant Program, Imperial Valley College, and Calexico Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arevalo was known for his interest in aerodynamics, rocketry, and woodworking, among other things, was always willing to lend someone a helping hand, and was always encouraging his students to continue with their education; and

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WHEREAS, On June 11, 2012, Mr. Arevalo was tragically killed in a multivehicle crash on State Highway Route 8 near Alpine in the County of San Diego involving a suspected drunk driver; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Arevalo is survived by his wife of 30 years Silvia, as well as his sons Bernardo and Roberto, and his daughter Lisa "Lupita"; and

WHEREAS, In order to keep Mr. Arevalo's spirit alive, the Calexico Educational Foundation established a scholarship in order to grant funding to a Calexico High School senior who has been admitted to a four-year accredited university or college, through the Jimmy A. Arevalo Memorial Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, It is therefore appropriate to designate a portion of State Highway Route 8 in honor of Jimmy A. Arevalo; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 8 between post-miles R27.30 and R28.46 in the County of San Diego as the Jimmy A. Arevalo Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.